

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for handling content off-loading from documents in a document processing system to a repository, comprising the steps of:

storing a copy of an original document from the document processing system in the repository; and

stripping content from the original document in the document processing system to form a stub document, the stub containing at least information to enable automatic retrieval of the stored document from the repository when the stub document is selected by a user; and

maintaining the stub document in the document processing system.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein said stripping step does not strip the stub document includes descriptive parts of the original document so that the stub document can be identified by a the user in the document processing system.

3. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the stub document contains a link to the stored document in the repository.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

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retrieving the stored document from the repository when a user attempts to open the stub document; and

~~re-inserting the stripped inserting~~ content into the stub document from the stored document to restore the original document.

5. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein said stripping step preserves a unique document identifier in the stub document to keep a link to the stored document valid.

6. (Currently Amended) In a computing environment, a system for handling content off-loading from documents in a document processing system to a repository, said system comprising:

means for copying an original document from the document processing system to the repository;

means for deleting content from the original document in the document processing system to create a stub document in the document processing system, the stub document containing information to enable automatic retrieval of the copied document from the repository upon selection of the stub document by a user; and

maintaining the stub document in the document processing system.

7. (Currently Amended) A system for handling content off-loading according to Claim 6, further comprising:

means for retrieving the copied document using the information in the stub document when a user selects to open the stub document; and

means for re-inserting the deleted inserting content into the stub document from the retrieved document to restore the original document.

8. (Currently Amended) Computer-readable code for execution in a data processing system for handling content off-loading from documents in a document processing system to a repository, said code comprising:

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first subprocesses for storing a copy of an original document from the document processing system in the repository;

second subprocesses for stripping content from the original document in the document processing system to form a stub document, the stub containing information to enable retrieval of the stored document from the repository and to identify the stub document to a user;

third ~~subprocesses~~ subprocesses for retrieving the stored document from the repository upon a request to open the original document; and

fourth subprocesses for recreating the original document in the document processing system utilizing the stub document and the retrieved document.